



Scouting About Tzaneen #9



Kwara's Comments

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Points of Interest:

- * Have you seen Mark and Katie?
- * Where are Mark and Katie NOW?



Greetings all,
As we are gearing up towards the end of the year I just want to encourage all those sitting exams to persevere especially the Matric's, you are nearly there! Please remember to inform us as to your plans for 2013.

We have had a very interesting time since the last the edition of the newsletter. Mark finally made it from Kampala in Uganda to Tzaneen. Enclosed are some stories of his adventures and pictures of the cubs, scouts and rovers he has visited whilst in Tzaneen.

It has been interesting hearing back from all of you who participated in

the Nelson Mandela Day and how you spent your 67minutes. Its important to remember that Madiba wanted everyone to understand the importance of volunteering and building our communities because its the right thing to do. We want to make every day a Madiba day that is why as part of the Star Evaluations and the Spider Tool we have included voluntary work to build the communities and contribute towards a better South Africa.

During the June/July school holidays all of Keep The Dream196 staff were working very hard running many different camps including the Spider Camps. The Spider is a tool to develop your troops, please assist those representatives to imple-

ment the changes to improve your Troop. It is only together that we can move forward. We will be holding meetings throughout the rest of the year to assist you to progress further.

Well, I want to thank you for all your hard work and your achievements in your communities throughout 2012. Enjoy the holiday break MERRY CHRISTMAS, God Bless and see you in 2013

Yours in Scouting Kwara!



Katie Dee's visit to Tzaneen.

Well, what wonders I have had over the last few weeks! I have met hundreds of wonderful children from Keep The Dream 196. It has been the highlight of my experience here in Africa.

One of the reasons we are riding through Africa is to raise awareness of Keep The Dream 196 and how this organisation helps vulnerable children.

All of the children think the Scouts program is so wonderful that they then decide

to become scout leaders themselves and the program continues to grow.

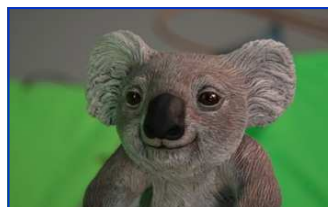
My explanation can in no way do justice to how amazing this organisation is. I wish you all could see how happy these kids are because of Keep The Dream 196.

Mark filmed us meeting many of the children from different Scout groups. Just look at how excited they are!

www.bikeafrica.net or www.keepthedream196.com

They have been so excited to meet me! I have had THE BEST TIME!

Thank you Keep The Dream196 THANK YOU to the children of Greater Tzaneen Municipality.



"I'm a Scout but looking forward to being a ROVER!!"

I am Hlulani Homu, I live at Petanenge village but I attend Scouts at 1st Mohlaba. I was born 6/11/94 and started Scouts in 2009. The reason why I joined Scouts was because of the games that were being played.

After two months I went to camp at Westfalia and I realized that Scouts was not all about games but to teach young people how to live and behave with other people and I was quite surprised because I came across many things I had not been taught in school. Those things made me a boy who respects others, I am also helpful, kind, loyal and useful to other people.

Now I call myself a Scout because I live according to the Scout Laws and Promise. I have learnt not to lie and when I think of lying I feel totally guilty. I've developed morals and I enjoying living with different people

that I met at camp as they are from different cultures.

I'm proud of myself because I'm honest to everybody even if people don't believe by looking at me. Scouts has been nothing but helpful to me and in my mind I am now clean in thought, word and deed. Scouts has kept me away from harmful things like drugs, alcohol etc. I'm engaged to the BP Spirit and NO ONE will remove me from it.

To those who say Scouts is stupid. Can you imagine a person who sacrificed his life for us. The man left his family, friends and profession as a teacher, he took leave from his job to help fundraise for Keep The Dream196 and Scouts.

The man lives in Australia but he started his journey in Uganda until he cycled to South Africa. His name

is Mark and he doesn't cycle alone he cycles with a Koala called Katie Dee which looks like a monkey without a tail. Katie is very cute but she is also shy to talk, she only talks to Mark.

May God Bless Keep The Dream196 to have ever lasting life as well as Mark and his Koala/Monkey. All of you who read this article I wish you to spread the BP spirit so that all may have a better life.



Shorleen Shingange - 3rd Burgersdorp Scout Troop

My name is Shorleen and I am 15yrs old. I started scouts when I was 10yrs old now I am 15yrs. I was a cub now I am a scout and a patrol leader for the leopard patrol.

Scouts has helped me a lot because when I was a child I stole money from my mothers wallet and I learnt a scout law that says a scouts honor is to be trusted. I also was a child who behaved badly like a hooligan

fighting with other children and discriminating against other children. Then I started obeying scout law #4, a Scout is a friend to all and a colleague to every scout. I started to know who I am even at school I am not making noise and I am obeying the laws.

In June 2010 I went to camp at Westfalia and they taught us about HIV/AIDS. I now have the badge and

I do not discriminate against people who are infected. Scouts has helped me a lot and now I am respecting everyone. Thank you Scouts and Keep The Dream196



Richard Phiri—1st Shiluvane Scout Troop



Scouts has helped me in so many ways. I remember in 2003 when I was told there was a school at Khanyisa's home I was a person who used to swear a lot and was very aggressive. This scout/school has helped me a lot in 2004 when I put on my uniform and asked my mum if I can go and she said I should go, maybe I would change my behaviour and get on with other children.

We were taught the laws, I listened and followed the laws which helped

me to change from my bad behaviour. I no longer swear today I am a good person.

I started as a cub, now I am a scout and about to start work on my Springbok. This is all because Scouts made a difference in my life. If it hadn't been for scouts I would still be an angry person and fighting with everyone. Now I am respected and loved and I help other people at all times. Richard Phiri

Mark McNamara's visit to Greater Tzaneen.

At the end of August, Katie Dee and I visited many of you in Tzaneen. We were very excited and overwhelmed at the wonderful welcome we received. To finally meet some of you and to see some of the scouting programmes you are involved with was a privilege. Knowing that scouting has changed your lives in such a meaningful way is



so special. We especially enjoyed hearing your singing, listening to your stories and answering your questions. We even heard a vuvuzela for the first time.

Thank you to Louise and Zabe for organizing the logistics for our visit. To visit so many of you in such a short period of time which was made possible by Louise and Zabe's dedication. Thank you also to Favor for assisting on all three days with transport and operations. Giving up so much of your time is not only very generous but also greatly appreciated.

Katie Dee, the cycling koala and I

are now continuing our journey south to Cape Town. Since leaving Tzaneen, we have cycled to Kruger National Park, along the Panorama Route, through Swaziland and have visited the magnificent Drakensburg. Next week, we will pass through our tenth country, Lesotho before continuing to Cape Town.



Things that I love about Scouts—Elizabeth Mushwana

I am 13yrs old girl and I live and grow up in Burgersdorp village near Tzaneen in Limpopo Province I love my school very much because I feel safe when I am at school because of the caring and responsible teachers I have. I want to be a Dentist when I grow up.

I go to 3rd Burgersdorp Scouts but I started when I was a cub. I love Scouts because it teaches us about HIV & Aids, teenage pregnancy and camping including playing games. Scouts helps me a lot because it teaches me how to live with people,



how to respect others so they can do that to. I am friendly and I am a very lucky person because I am so proud of myself. I am a self motivated person who likes to learn new things every day and listening to other peoples opinions and ideas. I am also hard working and a very friendly person, all because of Scouts.

Elizabeth Mushwana

3rd Burgersdorp Scouts

Tzaneen Scouting Family - Nhlanhla Khoza Nghonyama Crew

You are open arms to those in need.
On you there is a place for us to learn.

You are the best teacher of how to lead.

Dreams came to you limping and you helped mend them.

Your comforting whisper said to each one of us "Keep thy Dream".

In you, dreams are healed and they forever gleam.

In all the teas and coffees you have made us the cream.

The vehicle to our true full potentials you are and have been.

For that and more we give you a fat bean :-)

Through you we learned to enjoy our rights and handle our responsibilities.

Knowledge is power, so we are grateful that you gave learning opportunities.

You have taught us to rise above all negativities.

For how would we have known positivity's if it was not for the nega-

tivities.

You have opened our eyes to many of life's great possibilities.

You have made us the reality of what our communities thought was just a dream.

"One big family" is what we should



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Cubs Corner

Avuxeni. Hi mehe Hannah. Ni tshama e-Tzaneen. Ni tirha eka Scouts.

Hello. My name is Hannah, I'm 19 years old and I finished my matric in June this year. I am from Germany and I have started to learn your language, but it is not so easy, especially because I have to learn also English.

I am a german volunteer and also a german scout.

I came to South Africa to do some community service work and espically work with children. In Germany I spend my whole life for the scouts, it is not only a hobby, it is my lifestyle, so it is such a big thing for me to work here with scouts, too.

I want to learn more about your culture, about your way of life and your way of scouting.

We have been here since the September till next year August. So a whole year, with a lot of time and I hope I can meet all of you.

Yours In Scouting. Be prepared!

Hannah



Hello, I'm a twenty year old boy from Germany. My name is Maximilian Krüger but the most people here just call me Max.

When I was fourteen there was a holiday program for kids from 6-11 in my church, and a lady ask me if I wanted to help. So I started with a two weeks holiday program in my community.

Through this work I realized how great it is to work with kids and give something to them. What they can give to me and what I can learn from them.

I became a member of the team. We had

some rooms in the church where the kids could come, during the week everyone who came could get a warm meal. Then we helped with homework, after it we did sports and games with them.

At the weekends we sometimes had activities like camping, climbing, kayaking or driving and we did big trips to England and France.

After I finished school I spent two years working in a Hospital and in a crèche. The last year I had worked in a home where people with disabilities lived.

Now I have come over the sea to your country. It is a honor for me to have this chance for one year to learn from you, how you live and work, how you make your things.

At the moment I try to visit all the troops, maybe you have seen me? After my orientation I hope I can help you a bit and start a program with you ;) over Christmas holidays.

Max